

### PRC Report on the IV Youth World Championship in ARG



All the referees and delegates were located in the same hotel during the whole Championship. That leads to a very good relation among the referees and delegates. As Manfred Prause, PRC-Chairman stated during his opening speech: All the officials (Officials, Technical Delegates, Referees) shall be team number 21 in this World Championship - a strong teamwork was asked ... and was realised.

The whole organisation was excellent, transports were well established and the local organisers helped at any time in case of any demand.

The IHF appointed 15 referee couples for this Men's Youth World Championship, held in Mar del Plata (Argentina) from 10 to 20 August. The referees' average age was 32.9 years; the youngest was our guest referee Allan STOKES from GBR (24.7) and the oldest Clodolado PAZ from BRA (39.1). All of them have been trained in the GRTP (Global Referee Training Program) and have received their IHF badge in the last years (1 couple in 2006, 1 in 2007, 2 in 2008, 8 in 2009 and 2 in 2010). The 15 nominated couples included 7 from Europe, 3 from America, 2 from Asia and 3 from Africa. Among the European couples it's important to highlight the presence of the couple of GRB, with the status of European Referees as special guests here in order to know their possibilities to be nominated for London 2012. They attended all the referee technical meetings, whistled 2 matches in a positive way and the PRC will propose them to receive the IHF badge and to continue with a special training during the next 12 months until the beginning of the OG London.



**Starting to run very soon in the morning**



**At the end the day is coming**

The main topics of the referee meetings were the same as in the Men's Junior World Championship in GRE, the Rule 8 and the 7 meters decisions, using the same presentations and video-examples. Especially the right interpretation of rule 8:3 – 8:5 was a topic in many of the match analyses during this championship.

The referees got the homework to bring 3-5 video clips from their own matches which are interesting for their colleagues. The presentation of these clips led to very interesting discussions, how to solve difficult situations on the field. It was also interesting for the Technical Delegates who were present in all the meetings with the referee group and PRC members. Many fruitful and partly also hard discussions led in most of the examples to a common approach and a final result, which we hope will be useful in future for all.



**Highly concentrated referees**



**.....and Officials and Tech. Del.**

It was a very good and important cooperation with the members of the Coaching and Methods Commission (Dietrich Späte and Zoltan Marczinka), their technical analyses of the matches were very important for the referees and helped sometimes to see the aspects of refereeing from another point of view.



**PRC's team teaching**



**Media- and Coaching expert**

As usual before the beginning of every WCH, all referees had to pass the Shuttle Run test. Everyone successfully passed the test right away in the first attempt, many of them with really good results; this is the positive tendency in the last World Championships. Every morning it was some kind of physical activity and every two days all the referees ran at the beach placed just in front of the hotel, but also the fitness facilities inside the hotel were acceptable to do some exercises or swimming.

In general the behaviour of the Team Officials in the coaching zone was really correct, just only a few punishments were necessary. It helped very much, that IHF Officials and Technical Delegates did a rather good work from the very beginning. There were many new Technical Delegates and in the practical part they did a good job but in the theoretical part some of them didn't reach the minimum 75% of the correct answers.



**Concentrated work at the table – together with local timekeeper and secretary**

Every morning of each match day there was held a meeting with the Referees and all Technical Delegates, using Dartfish software to review the most important situations of the matches played the day before. One conclusion is that we continue working on



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the progressive line; another is that referees need to improve in personality and body language, deepening into the psychological aspects.

There were some problems with the Head Sets, we have to clarify after the championship with the supplier. But most of the referees like to use this communication help very much. If we use it in the right way it's also useful, if one Technical Delegate is included partly in the communication circle.

The performance of the referees was in general satisfactory, especially in the semi-finals and finals matches, no protest at all. A detailed analysis has been made and will be distributed in PRC - the continental chief referees will get the task to individually inform their respective referees or federation.

There were cases where the disciplinary commission had to decide. In the match QAT-EGY the referees and the Officials at the table forgot to write a report after the referees showed a Red Card in the last minute of the match. In the quarterfinal match FRA-CRO there was a protest of CRO team because an irregular goal of France team after a Direct Free Throw at 60:00. As it was a factual decision of the referees neither the Disciplinary Commission nor the Jury after the further appeal could accept the protest.

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**Referees in action – see next pages:**



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